

MEETING OF THE CITY OF RUSHVILLE, INDIANA COMMON COUNCIL

MARCH 16, 2021

6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: The Common Council of the City of Rushville met on the above date and time at 330 North Main Street Suite 200 Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Pavey called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG: The Pledge to the Flag was recited by those present.

PRAYER: Councilman Berkemeier led those present in prayer.

ROLL CALL: Bob Bridges, Brad Berkemeier, Elton Marzon, Mike Daubenspeck, Aaron Gurley, and Nick Culley (Youth Liaison) answered roll call.

MINUTES: Bridges moved to approve the minutes of the March 2, 2021 meeting as presented. Daubenspeck seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Pavey reported the following:

1. Congratulated Councilman Marzon on his new job as Director of RMH Foundation.
2. Chuck Jenkins is working on a safety manual.
3. Brian Sheehan will discuss the Tri-County Homebuyers Workshop.
4. Citizen concern – Pavey asked Chuck Jenkins and Chief Tucker to look into complaints on parking and traffic at Jordan Industry. Jenkins said the Street Department has put up no parking signs.

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT: None.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Brian Sheehan, Director of Special Projects Report:** Reported the following:
 1. Stellar – Starweld is installing stairs to the second floor of the Taff building.
 2. Overlook – There seems to be something new daily. There is a lot of cement being poured. Signage will be installed at the end of March. The project should close out by July 15, 2021.
 3. Apartment Complex – April 1st is the move in date for buildings 1 and 2. The 3rd building should be ready by mid-May.

4. Substantial completion on earthwork for the new housing should be complete by May 7th.
 5. We are talking to developers regarding the Washington Street. Extension.
 6. In-fill Housing is a program being put on by Ara for first time home buyers. Sheehan encouraged everyone to share information with those wanting to buy their first home.
 7. There are several properties available throughout the City.
 8. CCMG – meeting tomorrow.
 9. INDOT Federal Highway Grant – not much at this point.
 10. Willkie Park has been dismantled. We are discussing a design concept.
 11. City Leases all are current.
 12. Community Center – A timeline has been sent out.
 13. Downtown Shell is hoping to be complete by April 30th.
 14. Art Project – Promoting Riverside Park.
 15. Arts Council – Working on BTW.
 16. Bicentennial – There is quite a bit of activity on the Bicentennial Project.
 17. Leading the Way Opportunities – We met with Mayors from Huntingburg and Auburn and shared ideas.
 18. Since Stellar we have had a total investment of 139 projects totaling \$123,297,596.00. In the downtown area there have been 80 projects for \$63,000,000.00.
- **Stellar Designation –**
 - **Amphitheater/Park Board** – Mayor Pavey said we will try to get back to normal staying within restrictions by the Health Department. Burklow is prepping for the pool and little league season.
 - **APC/BZA** – Meeting tomorrow.
 - **Housing –**
 - **Diversity and Inclusion Council** – Councilman Marzon said they are shooting for a meeting sometime in April.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Fire – Chief Munson said the department will complete their physicals next week.

He reported that the Board of Works approved two resignations and gave permission to begin the hiring process and promotion for lieutenant. Councilman Gurley asked if we have a policy on length of notice on resignations. Pavey said we do not have a policy.

Code Enforcement – Director Jenkins reported that we will be changing the City's GIS system. We are currently with WTH. We unanimously agreed to enter into a contract with INGIS. Our information is currently being moved over to the new system. It will take approximately 30 days to complete. Then we will begin training. There are no user fees. We can have as many users as we want. The new system can also be put on our webpage. Our layers are not on Beacon. This will give us a much better GIS system and more user friendly. This Company is out of Indianapolis. The system also has the ability to do 3D pictures.

Park – Director Burklow said he would like to thank the Utility Board for excusing the pool water bill for this year for the period we are open. Pool interviews will be conducted tomorrow. Burklow will present the list of prospective employees to the Park Board next week.

The Overlook is progressing and we are checking out everything daily. They are installing the irrigation system around the property and working on the restrooms.

BTW – We should have the painting and drywall done by the end of the week. We need to do some flooring work also. We are waiting to see if we are awarded any grants.

We are looking to vacate an alley by the little league diamond.

Police – Chief Tucker said he was approved to purchase 2 cars. He has received word that one of them has arrived at the dealership.

Utility – Superintendent Day reported they are working on Phase 3 of East 8th Street which will be bid in April. We will be working with Bowles Construction to replace a water line.

We are currently in the process of preparing a new capital improvement plan.

We will begin flushing hydrants this Sunday.

The Utility Board decided not to accept the change order for the sanitary sewer on West Spencer Street of \$80,000.00. We are looking at alternatives.

Animal – Director Hanna reported that Bart Cottrell submitted his resignation with his last day of March 26th. The Board of Works approved to move Christy Cleland to full time. Cleland is currently part-time and being paid \$10.00 per hour. Hanna will do a 90-day review for a possible \$1.00 raise.

Morgan Breese has passed the euthanasia test. She is now certified. She signed up to take another class to certify her as an Animal Control Officer which when completed she will be certified nation-wide. We are considering making this class mandatory for future employees.

APC/BZA - Meetings tomorrow.

CITIZEN CONCERNS/COMMENTS: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **Protest Guidelines** - Mayor Pavey asked Council to review the ordinances so we can act on them.
 - Ordinance 2021-6 Noise Control –
 - Ordinance 2021-7 Special Events

2. **CCMG Schedule**

4/5 Pavement Committee

4/6 Board of Works Contract Approval

4/7 Signing of Board of Works Approved Contracts

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Resolution 2021-4 Transfer of Funds from Dormant Accounts:** Berkemeier moved to approve Resolution 2021-4. Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. **Resolution 2021-5 Dormant Funds with Zero Balance –** Daubenspeck moved to approve Resolution 2021-5. Marzon seconded the motion. Motion carried.
3. **Ordinance 2021-9 – Ordinance Amending Ordinance 2007-18 Retiree's Insurance** –Berkemeier moved to approve Ordinance 2021-9. Marzon seconded the motion. Motion carried.
4. **Alley Vacation – 127 N Spencer –** Mayor Pavey said we have been asked to consider vacating the alley between Spencer and the Little League Diamond. This is the east-west portion. Pavey presented a map to Council showing the area. He asked Council if they wanted to go through the public hearing process. It was noted that there are a couple of houses still in the area, but one is in bad shape. Mr. Glover was present and he said he wants to rebuild across this alley. Berkemeier said we are not sure that it is even an alley. Pavey said we would need to do a search. Bridges moved to do a title search to see if it is an alley and then advertise to vacate. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.
5. **2021 Summer Activities – Health Department –** We are working with the County Health Department regarding our summer activities.
6. **UTV – Permitting (Golf Carts) –** Mayor Pavey said UTV's are becoming a hot topic. There has been a request to consider permitting them, similar to our golf cart ordinance. Pavey sent a link from Greensburg for Council to review. He asked Chief Tucker to review and to give us his recommendation.
7. **Opening City Hall –** The County opened the Courthouse 10 days ago when we hit a blue status. They still require masks and social distancing. Bridges moved to open City Hall to the public with masks to be worn upon entering, to social distance, and people would still need an appointment. Daubenspeck seconded the motion. Motion carried.

COVID-19 UPDATE: We are still in a blue status. Vaccination are now being given to those ages down to 45.

CLAIMS APPROVAL AND FEBRUARY 2021 BANK RECONCILIATION – Marzon moved to approve the claims as presented and the February 2021 bank reconciliation. Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ITEMS NOT KNOWN IN ADVANCE: None.

ADJOURN: There was no further business to come before Council; Berkemeier moved to adjourn. Marzon seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.